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## **United States Patent Application**

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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD**.

The specification of which was filed on <u>January 5, 2000</u> as application serial no. <u>09/478,624</u> and was amended on <u>January 5, 2000</u>.

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